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WEATHER REPORT
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BOYS LEAVE TOMORROW

Alexandria Light Infantry Expect to Reach Richmond Next Sunday—Will Later Start for Home.

Captain Conrad Johnson, of the Alexandria Light Infantry, sent a telegram to this city this morning announcing that his command would bid adieu to Brownsville, Texas, tomorrow and the Virginians expect to reach Richmond next Sunday. Everything has been packed and the boys are ready to embark for old Virginia after an absence of half a year.

As has been stated in the Gazette the people of Richmond are preparing to give the soldiers of the Old Dominion a "triumph" upon their return to the capital city. Arrangements will have been perfected by the close of the week for affording the boys a genuine ovation, and the event is anticipated with joy.

"When Johnny Comes Marching Home From the War," Alexandrians will probably also turn out en masse. The return of the soldiers of this city is anticipated with pleasure, not only by those to whom they are near and dear, but the community at large.

Before the largest crowd ever assembled in the Y. M. C. A., building in Brownsville, Texas, the Second Virginia Regiment bade farewell to the First Regiment, which expects to entrain Tuesday for home. Colonel Leedy and Captain Dennis, of the Second Regiment, made short addresses, with response by Major Martin. The Second Regiment band rendered a fine musical program, concluding with "God Be With You," thrown on the screen and sung in the dark. Virginia troops and thousands of their Brownsville friends send New Year greetings to the Old Dominion.

TO HONOR BISHOP WILSON.

Southern Methodists Launch Plan For Memorial Church

A campaign to raise funds to build a church in Baltimore in memory of Bishop Alpheus W. Wilson, of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, was launched yesterday morning by Bishop E. E. Hoss, of Oklahoma, at Calvary Methodist Episcopal Church South, University Parkway and Charles street.

Bishop Wilson was one of the founders of the Southern Methodisit Church, the oldest bishop in point of service and one of the most reverend clergymen in the country. The consent of his daughters has been secured to name the projected edifice the Wilson Memorial Church, and the Bishops' College has passed favorably upon the plan, as have the general church boards.

contribute to the fund to honor the

The entire Southern Church will name of the dead Bishop. It is proposed to make the edifice the most imposing occupied by the Southern Methodist in the city. Architects have been consulted as to the plans and the site finally chosen will probably be that now occupied by Calvary Chapel, in University Parkway.

Almost the entire sermon of Bishop Hoss was taken up with the announcement of the project, and he declared that five of the leading bishops of the denomination have pledged themselves to work for the fund.

GERMANS' TRENCH GUNS

British Devise Apparatus to Drop Bombs that Tear Off Zeppelin Casings.

New York, Jan. 1—The Germans recently have developed a three-inch trench gun firing a shell which has the explosive power of a six-inch shell, reported Samuel Wiley, who has been two years in Europe, observing the work of high powered guns. He returned today on the liner St. Louis.

The British, he said, have developed an apparatus to drop projectile onto Zeppelins which tears off the casings of the lighter-than-air-craft Mr. Wiley told how he and a companion were standing on Deadman's Hill near Verdun when a shell burst 200 yards away. He said their clothing was torn from their bodies and that they were buried with earth, but otherwise unharmed.

When in Washington and hungry, stop at Schneider's Restaurant 12th street opposite Raleigh.

PRAISING VIRGINIANS

Brownsville Paper Says Sight of First and Second Regiments Would Cause Wood to Change Views

National Guard organizations have one strong defender in the Brownsville Daily Sentinel, whose staff has had an opportunity to see quite a lot of the work done during the past six months by the mintiamen. In a recent editorial, the Daily Sentinel defends the guardsmen and cites the two Virginia regiments of infantry as an example of what could be expected of the troops so severely critized by Major General Leonard Wood.

The Virginians, according to the article, had just finished a four-hour hike with never a man lagging and the ambulances empty. After witnessing these men finish their hard task, it continues, General Wood would have revised his opinion that it would be a tragedy to send them against any foe. The article follows:

"Had General Leonarrd Wood been privileged to stand on a street corner yesterday noon and witness the two Virginia National Guard regiments, with snappy step, make the turn on the last lap of a four-hour hike, he would have perhaps revised his harsh criticism of the State troops No one could see the men, with heads erect and firm tread and in perfect ranks complete the half-day maneuver, with never a man lagging and with the ambulances empty of men unable to complete the march, and still believe it would be a tragedy to send the Virginians against any foe which might best this country. We say, General Wood perhaps could bring himself to revise his statements but probably that is expcting too much, for General Wood is wedded to his ideals, and his seat among the mighty depends upon the prevalence of his ideas in regard to the National Guard.

"Things look different when viewed from different angles. There is a vast difference in the National Guard when viewed from the covered settees of Washington to the view presenting itself from the canvas campstools along the Rio Grande. If bureaucratic Washington, after witnessing the National Guard along the Rio Grande for six months, can maintain the opinion that they are unfit to meet any foe which straggles from looted city to looted city across the border, it has a poor opinion of the stamina of American manhood. There has been sufficient pure de foolishness spilled in the halls of Congress on the preparedness question to float a Dreadnought by advocates pro and con, but unfortunately the oratory has emanated from men who have not been within 1,000 miles of the trenches and have absorbed their ideas from musty records submitted by men whose knowledge could be improved by rubbing their pantaloons against Pullman-car berths and coming to the border."

COLUMBIA FIRE COMPANY

Annual Report of Service of This Organization During Past Year.

It will be seen by the annual report which follows of the operation of the Columbia Fire Company that it has been most efficient during the past year and that it well deserves credit and support from the community it has so ably served. The Gazette has liberally lent space for words of praise for the Alexandria Fire Department a number of times and feels proud of pointing to our firemen as among the most efficient and deciplined department in the country. During the year 1916 the Columbia Fire Co. responded to 69 calls, of this number 43 were false alarms, and 26 were alarms where active service was required. The company worked a total of 36 hours and 5 minutes, and had 736 men present at the 26 fires, making an average of 28. Over 13,000 feet of hose was used during the year, and the fire extinguishers were used 19 times.

Nine members of the company are on the roll of honor for the next year, they having responded to 95 per cent of the alarms.

LOST—Open-faced Gold Watch, and leather fob. Finder return to R. H. Hancock, 605 South Lee Street and receive reward. 1-3t.

Alexandria City and Suburbs

Mary Jane, generally known as "Big Boy," a well-known colored woman of this city, died this morning.

During the month of December the Clerk of the Corporation Court recorded 56 deeds and issued 64 marriage licenses, 48 to white persons and 16 to colored.

During the year closed 116 white males were received in the city jail and 5 white females. During the same time 144 colored males and 16 colored females were sent to that institution.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert McCuen, who have been the guests for the past two months of Mr. McCuen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. James McCuen, in The Wagar, have returned to their home in Norfolk.

The free night school under the direction of the Parent-Teachers Association will reopen Wednesday night after the holidays, and the pupils will resume their studies Monday, Wednesday and Friday evenings, of each week. The regular high school course will be augmented with a stenographic course taught by Professor Bandy. Those who wish to enroll to take advantage of this business course will be welcomed at the school any night, or can communicate with a member of the committee, Mrs. T. Clifton Howard, Mrs. G. R. Buddin or Mrs. John Leadbeater.

Complaint is made regarding the manner in which automobiles are permitted to run to fires in Alexandria, every time an alarm is sounded. Members of the fire department say they have been caused serious inconvenience through automobiles getting in their way while running to a fire, some of them even going so fas as to attempt to pass the chemical engine while on the way in answer to an alarm. At one fire, recently, it is allegd that it was almost impossible for the firemen to lay hose because of the fact that automobiles were in the way. Such a condition might be overlooked in a small village where a fire is looked upon as a public entertainment which all the natives are expectd to attend, but for some years past that sort of thing has been discountenanced in cities of any size. If the police would make a few arrests and Police Judge Caton would hand out fines for the offenders to remember for a day or two, good might result. At least some action should be taken to prevent the firemen from being hampered in the discharge of their duty

The Junior Assembly entertained Saturday evening in the auditorium of the Elks' Home at their first dance of the season, chaperoned by Mrs. Robert South Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. Edward H. Kemper, Mrs. H. D. Gasson, Mrs. Gilbert J. Cox, Mr. and Mrs. William J. Boothe, Dr. and Mrs. J. Stewart Jamieson and Mrs. C. William Wattles. The dancers were Miss Betty Brown, of Washington, Mr. Reid Dunn, of Davorford College, Pa.; Mr. Arthur Kinsolving and Mr. Archie Randolph, of the Episcopal High School, Miss Mary Hunt Roberts, Miss Marie Gasson, Miss Sarah Kemper, Miss Charlotte Kemper, Miss Katherine Elliott, Miss Lucy Anderson, Miss Isobel Boswell, Miss Hilda Schneider, Miss Carol Leadbeater, Miss Julia Hopkins, Miss Sarah Cox, and Miss Collins Jones. Messrs. Johnson McGuire, Tupper Barrett, Waller Barrett, Allen Roberts, Carroll Pierce, jr.; Chester Pierce, Edwin Pierce, Bruce Morton, Charles Carlin, Thomas L. Wattles, John M. Leadbeater, Brouse Burke, Gardner Boothe, Alan McKay Lindsey and Laurence Fawcett. The favors were paper poinsetta hats and paper accordian shaped novelties.

Mr. J. Fred Birrell will leave tomorrow for Richmond to assume the duties of his new position as deputy collector of Internal Revenue.

Mrs. Sidney Hammersley who has been ill in her home 401 north West street, from pneumonia, has recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. George Washington Lewis have returned from their wedding trip through the West and South and are at home on Braddock Heights.

Mrs. Julia I. Mankin has purchased a house and lot on the east side of Royal street from Henry M. Hantzmon, the sale being made through Robert Elliott, real estate dealer.

There will a called business meeting of the Girl's Club Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock, in the club room 921 King street. As business of importance will come before the meeting a full attendance is desired.

Ensign Chaplin Eppes Evans of the U. S. Destroyer Nicholson, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Evans, at their home in south St. Asaph street, for a few days.

Cadet Herman Pohl has returned to the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York, after a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Pohl, at their home in Rosemont.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Moses, and Miss Ellen Moss, of Johnson City, Tenn., are the guests of Mrs. Moses' parents, the Rev. Dr. John Lee Allison at their home in south St. Asaph street. Dr. and Mrs. Allison also have as their guest Mr. Eugene Aggy, of Wytheville, Virginia.

An enthusiastic celebrant of New Year's Night residing in the vicinity of Fairfax street, near Queen, used loaded shells last night for ammunition. While discharging his gun he sent loads through nine panes of glass in the Washington and Old Dominion Railroad building.

James E. Green, a former resident of this city, died in Baltimore this morning. The remains will be brought to this city Wednesday and interred in Ivy Hill cemetery. The deceased was the youngest son of the late James Green, who was a well-known furniture manufacturer in bygone years, and at one time proprietor of the Mansion House.

The funeral of Albert L. Glover, who died yesterday morning at his home at 612 C street, northeast, Washington, took place this morning at 11 o'clock at Wheatley's mortuary rooms in this city. The interment was in the Union Cemetery, The deceased was employed in the old Washington and Ohio railroad company office here for many years.

Miss Caroline Lovejoy, of Charlottesville, who is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Kemp L. Lambeth, at their home in north Columbus street, entertained at a delightful leap year dance Saturday evening, chaperoned by Mr. and Mrs. Lambeth. Those present were Miss Anna May Murray, of Norfolk; Messrs. John McCarthey and Billy McCarthye, of Washington; Miss Inez Moore, Miss Rosa Lee Fuller, Miss Elizabeth Schneider, Miss Marion Adams, Miss Virginia Keith and Miss Edmonia Baker. Messrs. Franklin Didier, Everette Pohl, Leo Pohl, Jack Dinwiddie, Carroll Ross, Hugh Marsh, Robert Wheat, Dymoke Gasson, Aubrey Lynch, Edward Oliver and Hugh Murphy.

The collections in the Police Court during the past calendar year amounted to $2,577.

In the Circuit Court for the city today the estate of the late James F. Doherty was committed to Sergeant R. H. Cox for administration.

Seven hundred and ninety-six marriage licenses were issued by the Clerk of the Corporation Court during the year 1916. Seven-hundred and eighty-five were issued in 1915, showing an increase of eleven for the past year.

Rev. Dr. Eugene B. Jackson, pastor of the First Baptist church, was presented with a purse of gold and S. W. Pitts, superintendent, and several of the teachers of the Sunday school of that church were nicely remembered at the Christmas exercises held on Friday night. An excellent program was rendered before an audience which packed the church.

The University of Virginia students who have spent the holidays at their homes in this city will return tonight to Charlottesville to resume their studies tomorrow morning. They are Mr. Albert Bryan, jr., Mr. Tupper Barrett, Mr. Clarence Robinson, Mr. Charles Bruce Morton, 2nd., Mr. James M. Duncan, jr., Mr. Charles Sullivan, and Mr. William Phillips.

Mrs. Christiana C. Ervin died Saturday evening at the home of her son Mr. Charles A. Ervin, in Richmond, Mrs. Ervin was the widow of Mr. Charles T. Ervin for many years a resident of Alexandria. The body was brought to this city today and the funeral will take place tomorrow morning, at 11 o'clock, from the residence of her son, Mr. T. Moxley Ervin, in George Washington Park. The services will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. J. W. Duffey, pastor of the Southern Methodist Church. The carriages will leave Wheatley's chapel at 10:15 for George Washington Park.

James Martin, a young man 18 years old, who resided on the "city road" a short distance from Alexandria, attempted suicide yesterday it is alleged, by shooting himself in the left breast. He succeeded in putting a 38-calibre bullet entirely through his body about two inches above his heart and the physicians say it is surprising that he is alive. The only reason they can give is that the bullet may have been deflected by a rib. The shooting occurred about two o'clock in the afternoon and he was taken to the Alexandria city hospital shortly after, where Dr. George T. Klipstein attended him. The reason for the shooting is not known, but it is intimated that it may have been the result of a love affair.

The week of prayer services will begin this evening, in which several denominations will unite The service for tonight will be held in Christ church, Rev. L. M. Ferguson, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, begin the leader. Tomorrow night the meeting will be held in the Second Baptist church with Dr. John Lee Allison of the Second Presbyterian church in charge; Wednesday evening, Rev. Dr. J. W. Duffey, pastor of the Methodist church south will lead the service which will be held in St. Paul's Episcopal church; Thursday night Rev. Edgar Carpenter of Grace Episcopal church will have charge of the service in Trinity Methodist church, and on Friday evening the last meeting will be held in the Methodist Protestant church with Rev. Dr. E. B. Jackson as leader.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

In her apartment in Philadelphia where Mrs. Grace Roberts, an attractive young model, was beaten and choked to death in mysterious circumstances detectives found evidence yesterday that the woman had battled desperately against great odds. The police arrested four men whose names they refused to reveal. That more than one assailant attacked the the woman, the police say, is indicated by the evidence of the struggle itself and the condition of Mrs. Roberts' body when found. Around the neck, a silk stocking had been tied; her skull had been fractured and her neck broken by blows from a blunt instrument. In the struggle to free herself furniture had been overturned and practically all the appointments of the room, including pictures on the wall, disarranged.

President Wilson's New Year Day program was of the simplest sort. He made the first day of 117 a strictly home holiday, without ceremony of any sort. There was no White House reception, in which the President followed a custom set in 1914, when ill health prevented his indulging in anything involving so great a strain on his then depleted physique.

The bulletin issued by the French war office yesterday on the progress of the campaign reads: "In the course of the year 1916, the French troops in breaking the assault of the enemy against the Verdun fortress, forcing the enemy to withdraw on both banks of the Somme, have taken 78,500 German prisoners."

ADVENT OF NEW YEAR

1916 Gives Way to 1917 Amid Joyous Manifestations by Young and Old Throughout City Last Night

While last Christmas was conspicuous for its quietness, the pent-up enthusiasm, as has been the case in recent years, found vent last night. Early in the evening the little boy, with his horn appeared on the street. Others carried discarded wash boilers, tin pans, etc., and improvised drum corps suddenly appeared in different localities. Ever and anon an explosion was heard either from cannon crackers or guns, while saluting pistols discharging five shots in rapid succession, were prominent features.

The police at first attempted to check the calithumpian serenaders, but the truth of the great Irish lawyer to the effect that you cannot indict a community soon became apparent. There was, however, later a lull, which continued until about a quarter to 12 o'clock, when the bell in the City Hall steeple began to toll the dirge of the year which had but a few minutes to remain. As the clock began to strike the midnight hour there was a spontaneous explosion of guns, pistols, crackers, torpedoes and other noise-producing contrivances, while bells rang out and steam whistles shrieked. After about fifteen or twenty minutes of din the city gradually resumed its normal condition, and quietness again prevailed.

Watch meetings were well-attended, and private parties gathered in nearly all sections of the city to watch the old year out and hail the new.

Today has been a semi-holiday. As is usual, many of our people kept open house, and there will be more social gathering tonight.

CIRCUIT AND U. S. COURT

Judge J. B. T. Thornton Sets Cases For Trial on Friday.

The Circuit Court for the city convened today. No cases were disposed of, but several were set for trial on Friday.

The January term of the United States court for the eastern district of Virginia, Judge Edmund Waddill presiding, will convene at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning in this city. There will be both grand and petit juries at this term of court, which will last for several days. The grand jury will meet at 11 o'clock and the petit jury at noon. There are several Alexandrians on both juries.

Among the cases scheduled to come up at this term are several which have been transferred from Norfolk Richmond and other points, Some are for alleged violations of the revenue laws.

The grand jury summoned is as follows: D. L. Glascock, James Burton, Mason Raines, J. C. George, T. Herndon Brown, P. M. Bradshaw, Aaron Katz, John T. Simpson, James Luckett, Mark R. Norris, John B. Kimberley, A. H. Agnew, Joseph A. Ballard, Samuel Burke, Dallas Richardson, J. B. Grayson, John H. Fisher, H. F. Crismond, Armstead Lewis, Jerome Kaufman, W. F. Stevens, J. W. Baggot and Frank S. Powell.

Those composing the petit jury summoned are as follows: L. L. Heflin, Joseph H. Drew, jr.; T. B. Kight, T. R. Garrison, John H. Taylor, Lyon H. Dolan, Charles P. Epps, George H. S. Robertson, Albert B. Alsop, John F. Bailey, Charles Swain, W. T. Davis, R. G. Reynolds, William J. Smith, Clarence G. Smithers, R. H. Motley, C. V. Burgess, A. J. Armstrong, C. B. Lathrop, William England, C. F. Hicks, Samuel Burgess, B. Upton, William F. Bryce, W. C. Ralls, S. M. Lomax, A. R. Rosson, Thomas Hunter, E. L. Stanarrd and Joseph S. Hall.

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1-1t. ROBERT JOHNSON.

WAR TO BE CONTINUED

"God Will Be With Us," Says Kaiser to His Army and Navy—Allies Also Determined.

Paris, Jan. 1—In reply to the proffer of Germany and her allies for a peace conference, the entente allies, in a collective note, declare that they "refuse to consider a proposal which is empty and insincere." The note was handed to the American ambassador, William Graves Sharp, Saturday by Premier Briand, and was made public simultaneously in London and Paris.

The entente allied governments insist that no peace is possible so long as they have not secured reparation for violated rights and liberties and the free existence of small states and have not brought about a settlement for the future security of the world. The note declares that the proposal of the central powers is not an offer of peace, but a "war maneuver.' It is declared to be founded on "Calculated misinterpretation of the character of the struggle in the past, the present and the future."

Berlin, Jan. 1—Emperor William has issued the following order, addressed to the army and navy:

"Again a year of war lies behind us, with hard fighting and sacrifices, rich in successes and victories. The hopes which our enemies put in 1916 have been foiled. All their assaults, east and west, have collapsed owing to your bravery and devotion.

"Our recent triumphal march through Roumania has by Divine Providence again added imperishable laurels to your banners. The greatest naval battle this year was our victory in the Skagerrak, and the galant deeds of our submarines have secured for my navy glory and admiration forever.

"You are victorious in all theatres of war on land and sea. A grateful Fatherland looks to you with unshakable confidence and proud reliance. The incomparable warlike spirit alive in your ranks, your tenacity, your never-slackening will to vanquish, your love of Fatherland, are to me a guarantee that in the new year also victory will remain with our banners. God also in the future will be with us."

Paris, Jan. 1—The Municipal Council, "at the dawn of 1917, which we are convinced will fulfill all our hopes," adopted resolutions addressed to the people in the capitals of the Entente Allies "fighting with us for the liberty of the world," assuring them of the unalterable fraternity and unbreakable resolution to struggle with them to the end for a decisive victory and the necessary reparation."

The answer of the Entente Powers to President Wilson's note, according to the Matin, will contain a long detailed account of the origin and objects of the war. It will include also a declaration by the Belgian Government "thanking the generous American nation for the immense services rendered during the last two years," and expressing its "confidence in America's friendly collaboration for the future."

A dispatch to the Havas Agency from Madrid says the Spanish note, coming so soon after the declaration by the Minister of Foreign Affairs concerning the torpedoing by German submarine of neutral vessels, has caused a great impression in Germanophile circles in the Spanish capital.

DEATH NOTICE

Died Saturday, in Richmond, Mrs. CHRISTIANA C. ERVIN, widow of the late Charles T. Ervin. Funeral Tuesday morning from the residence of her son, T. M. Ervin, George Washington Park at 11 o'clock. Carriages will leave Wheatley's chapel at 10:15. 1-1t.

NOTICE

There will be installation of officers nest of Owls No. 1779, Tuesday night Jan. 2nd, 1917, 8 p. m. A full attendance is requested, also there will be a smoker and entertainment after installation.

Wm. THORPE, Secretary
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BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR

The year 1916, with its tale of woe to so many thousands, has passed into history. It was gathered unto its fathers at midnight last night. Its successor, 1917, enters while a large portion of the civilized world is still battling for the mastery. So far as can be seen, it is destined to close with the sword still unsheathed. With news the time's in labor, and throws forth
Each minute some.

And there never has been a time in the annals of the human race when the above lines were more in evidence.

We live when there is no telling what a day may bring forth. There have been peace whispers at the close of the past year, but conditions while the new year's bells were ringing last night show that the night has not passed away, nor is the morning star discernible.

While our sympathies go out to the warring nations and our prayers that hostilities may soon cease. we must not froget that we have a work at home. We are not confronted with war, but many things demand our attention. We have a mission in our own city which we should fulfill. We have indulged dreams of late of a future for old Alexandria, but such a desideration will not drop into our lap. We must work for our future, and while many things concerning improved conditions in Alexandria could be mentioned which are encouraging there are equally as many other awaiting us if we will go after them.

Our business classes have for many years vied in their endeavors to expand the commercial importance of the city. They are determined to continue the same course during the year upon which we have just entered with more vigor.

For several years divergencies of opinions on political lines have caused temporary frosts, but during the past year this blight has entirely passed away as a vision in the night, and Alexandrians are more of a unit now than ever before. Old issues have either burned out or been buried, and our people, dwelling together as brethren are of one accord. All this means much and a move altogether will surely bring the fruits for which we all strive.

THE GAZETTE IN THREE CENTURIES.

The Gazette, as it has done on each New Year's Day during the past century and a third, salutes its patrons and wishes one and all a happy and prosperous New Year.

As is well-known, the Gazette was founded at the close of the revolutionary war, and after figuring during the latter part of the eighteenth century, passed through the nineteenth and is now well up in the twentieth having today entered upon its one hundred and thirty-third volume.

Its files are the real history of Alexandria and, incidentally, the history of the country from the times of George Washington to the present. Washington was a reader of the Gazette, and like other Virginians who helped conceive and bring the young republic to the birth, often called upon the proprietors when visiting our city, as did also another great Virginian, Robert E. Lee, who read the Gazette up to his death.

During the latter part of the past year the present proprietors of the Gazette have been engaged in a renaissance—that is they have concentrated their labors toward restoring in a measure, the individuality of the paper by making it somewhat more of the Gazette of by-gone years. They have, as far as possible, massed the local news on one page, and procured everything possible concerning our own city and people. That our efforts have been appreciated is evidenced by a material increase in circulation during the past fall, and an indux of advertisements.

The mechanical department [illegible] being improved with new faces of type for advertisements, including attractive borders and other modern necessities, and we start the new year under encouraging auspices.

Our endeavor will be as heretofore, to make the Gazette an essential in every Alexandria household, and during the present year we shall leave nothing undone that can in any way accomplish this desideration.

During the last century and a third many other papers have at times been started in Alexandria. They waxed and waned, however, while the Gazette, like the eagle, has periodically renewed its youth. When men were laying aside the sword and donning civic gowns at the close of the war for independence the Gazette appeared, and its long history shows it came to stay.

SIGNS OF THE TIME

The Author of the Christian religion while upon earth put forth this query, "Nevertheless when the Son of Man cometh shall He find faith upon the earth?" Did he mean he would not?

"The fool saith in his heart there is no God," was an observation of David, the Shepherd King, nearly three thousand years ago, and the same words have been uttered by others who would resent the charge that they are looked upon as fools.

Attempts to crowd the Creator out of the universe have been made from time immemorial. About two decades ago Charles Bradlaugh a member of the British House of Commons, attempted to make the people of Great Britain adopt his views to the effect that there is no God, while Robert G. Ingersoll, a former member of Congress from Illinois whose father was a Presbyterian minister went out on a lecturing tour and endeavored to make fun of things held sacred by millions charging one dollar admission to halls rented by him.

Bradlaugh and Ingersol have long been in the other world with Voltaire, Rousseau, Bolingbrooke, Thomas Paine and other denouncers of faith.

These individuals have, however, left their successors.

Canvassing the men listed in "American Men of Science," a volume containing about 5,500 names, and in the membership lists of the American Historical Association, the American Sociological Society and the American Psychological Association, Dr. James H. Leuba, professor of psychology in Bryn Mawr College, Pennsylvania and author of "A Psychological Study of Religion," find astonishing large percentages of disbelievers and doubters in a personal God and in immortality among the historians, physical scientists, biological scientists, sociologists and psychologists to whom he addressed questions.

Professor Leuba finds among these intellectual leaders 41.8 per cent of believers in God and 53.2 per cent of non-believers.

Of the so-called "lesser men" 48.2 per cent are ranked among the number of believers, while those starred as the so-called "greater men" amount in this satisfactory inquiry to only 31.6 per cent holding belief in the God of the Christian churches.

FORTY-SIX WOMEN PERISH.

Institution for Feeble-Minded Destroyed by Fire.

Montreal, Quebec, Jan. 1.—Forty-five girls and one nun in the St. Ferdinand de Halifax Institution for the Feeble-minded, in Megantic county, Quebec, perished in a fire which destroyed that institution on Saturday night. The nun lost her life in trying to rescue the girls.

Many miles from any town with a fire brigade, the institution, which was conducted for the provincial government by nuns from a convent adjoining, was without protection, and once the flames had started there was no hope of saving the buildings.

One hundred and eighty girls, all feeble minded, and thirty girls, students from the locality, were in the building when the fire started, All the students escaped, but the feeble-minded girls were thrown into a panic and many of them dashed into the flames, while others perished in leaping from high windows. Still more died from exposure, the temperature being 20 degrees below zero.

Those who escaped fled in the intense cold to the neighboring village. Outside of medical assistance by physicians from Victoriaville, and other small towns, no help has been able to reach them yet, and the villagers resources are being taxed in their efforts to care for the refugees.

Damages to the convent and hospital probably exceed $200,000. As there is no direct, wire communication to the village, full details of the tragedy will not be known for a day or more.

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No. 63737,

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The sample as received contains:

Specific Gravity	1.017 per ct.
Total Solids	4.896 per ct.
Extractive Matter	4.610 per ct.
Alcohol by Volume	.370 per ct.
Alcohol by Weight	.300 per ct.
Ash	.132 per ct.
Sulphuric Acid	.017 per ct.
Phosphoric Acid	.031 per ct.
Nitrogen	.023 per ct.
Equal to Albuminoids (Nx6 25)	.143 per ct.
Acidity as Lactic Acid	.090 per ct.
Preservatives	None

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VIRGINIA NEWS

W. Burwell Serrett, aged 18, of Staunton, fighting with the English army in France as a volunteer, is reported "missing" by the London office, following an engagement on December 5. He is a son of A. J. Serrett, of Botetourt and a brother of Lieutenant C. P. Serrett, of the First Virginia Infantry, at Brownsville, Texas.

Early Saturday morning a young man named Willard Sands, of New York city, whose mother was bringing him south for his health, jumped or fell from the New York, Philadelphia and Norfolk steamer Maryland and was drowned. The body was not recovered. His mother is at Old Point completely prostrated. Sands had been suffering from a nervous breakdown.

A crowd of hunters from Snowden and Greelee on Friday shot and killed an immense black bear, which they had been hunting in that section for several days. The bear was shipped by express last night after having been dressed, excepting the removal of the fur, and its net weight in that condition was 340 pounds.

On Friday night Margaret Maiden and her five year old grandson were burned to death in their cabin, near Farmer's Fork, in the vicinity of Warsaw, The woman was subject to fainting-spells, and it is thought she fell with a lighted lamp.

The year 1916 was a record-breaker in the history of the export and import business of the port of Norfolk, and Portsmouth. The total exports for the year amounted to $48,141,375, as against $27,096,219 in 1916, or an increase in exports for the year of $21,045,156. The imports for 1916, amounted to $12,562,936, as against $6,507,979 in 1915, or an increase in imports for the year 1916 of $5,954,960, over the year 1915. The largest item of importation at Norfolk during the year was nitrate of soda from Chile, amounting to 277,444 tons, valued at $10,864,480. Other principal items of importation were copper ore from Cuba, logwood from Haiti and Mexico and pyrites from Spain. The principal items of exportation were coal, cotton, foodstuffs, horses, metals and lumber to the European and South American countries.

Applicants for the past few days have been forming a constant stream into the office of the secretary of the Commonwealth in Richmond, for 1917 automobile licenses. In addition to the many personal requests for licenses, they are coming in through the mails by the bushel. It is estimated that around $50,000 has been received for the automobile licenses. People have been making a mad rush to get their license before the first of January, evidently being under the impression that they were required to have them by that date. It has been pointed out, however, that the law gives until February 1, for the licenses to be taken out,

In a letter to Prohibition Commissioner J. Sidney Peters, Judge T. N. Haas, of the Circuit Court of Page county, denies that he recently handed down a decision in a test case before him, holding that any male citizen in the State 21 years of age can order a quart of whisky, a month whether he is living with his parents in a boarding house or any place he calls home. A story to this effect, which appeared under a Harrisonburg date line, was recently published. Judge Haas, asserts that there was no case arising under the prohibition law before him last term of court and that no decision upon any liquor question was rendered by him.

A little boy from the Children's Home died last week in the home of his adopted parents, Mr. and Mrs. Logan Loyd, at Rockville, Mrs. Loyd was preparing breakfast; the child got out of bed and, it is supposed, went too near an open fireplace and his gown caught on fire.

The seizure of the whisky warehouses of Gouge and Co., for many years corn whisky distillers in Bristol, following the removal of the company's effects into Bristol, Tenn., as reported by J. A. Higgins, representing the Tennessee district of the Federal Internal Revenue Department, is based upon the Government's claim for $161,000 alleged to be due for back license tax.

and one son survive him.

Dr. Richard William Silvester, whom declining health in 1912 forced to retire after 20 years' presidency of the Maryland Agricultural College, at College Park, Md., died shortly after noon yesterday from pneumonia at the Union Protestant Infirmary. The deceased was a native of Norfolk.

Two fires in fifteen hours kept Charlottesville firemen on the jump yesterday. An early morning blaze wiped out two residences belonging to James Nimmo, in the southern end of the city, while the second fire consumed the canning plant and office of the Albermarle Products Corporation, located on Rose Hill, and capitalized at $100,000, mostly local stockholders. Only the vinegar storage warehouse was saved. The loss is $18,000 practically covered by insurance.

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ACT UNPARALLELED.

Never Before Has Power Boasting Victory Sought Peace Parley.

New York, Jan. 1.—How did great wars end? Have peace offers such as President Wilson's usually borne fruit? Did an undefeated warring power like Germany ever before hold out the olive branch to the enemy?

These are questions of intense interest to humanity today. Their answers have a direct bearing on the topic uppermost in almost every mind how soon the awful holocaust of Europe's best and bravest will cease.

History does not disclose any exact parallel to Germany's course—at least in modern times. A belligerent, boasting herself victorious, has never before requested her adversaries to meet her and discuss possible terms of peace.

Moreover, President Wilson's offer of mediation faces the fact that rarely have nations availed themselves of such an opportunity. The United States may now become the great peacemaker and the central powers, but it will be almost the first time such a situation has developed.

Many times, indeed, in almost every war, a beaten foe has requested peace parleys through a neutral. Such an act is usually rightly taken as a confession of defeat. In our last war, the conflict with Spain, the Madrid government on July 26, 1898, realizing that further struggle was fruitless, made overtures to the United States through Jules Cambon, who was then French ambassador at Washington.

MISSING RICHMOND MAN

William Pizzini, Real Estate Operator, Cannot be Found.

Attorneys representing William P. Nuckols, of Ttlantic City, N. J., formerly of Richmond, on Saturday, filed claims in the Chancery Court for $94,500 upon the property of William B. Pizzini, a well-known local real estate operator. Pizzini has not been seen in Richmond since last Thursday.

It was learned that Mr. Nuckols went to Richmond on Wednesday to have a settlement and business conference with Mr. Pizzini. For the past twelve years he has been doing business with Mr. Pizzini, and the $94,500, represents his entire fortune. He met Mr. Pizzini on Wednesday afternoon, and during the course of the conversation said that he had contemplated changing the entire account to the Old Dominion Trust Company.

Mr. Pizzini urged him to reconsider his intention and agreed to meet him the following day. Finally, however, it was agreed that at 3 o'clock, on Friday afternoon, Mr. Pizzini was to meet Mr. Nuckols and turn over all notes and papers to the Old Dominion Trust Company. Mr. Nuckols was present at the agreed time and place, but he waited in vain for Mr. Pizzini.

It became known at the Second Police Station on Friday that Mr. Pizzini had not been home. The officers were asked to attempt to locate him if possible. There was no official "lost" notice made out, but the officers of this precinct have conducted a "still hunt" for him since that time. He has not been seen since.

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Young Couple Killed.

Two white haired men met in front of 101 south 22nd street, Flushing, N. Y., yesterday morning and, after an inaudible greeting, fell into each others' arms and wept like children, Passersby did not know that Louis Kelly, and Andrew Henry, warm friends for years, had each lost a child, one a daughter and the other a son, who were betrothed, in an accident Saturday night. Ethel Kelly, 21 years old, lived with her father and William J. Henry, resided across the street. They had known each other intimately for three years and their wedding was only a question of months. Saturday night Henry, who is 30 years old, called for his bride-to-be, and together they went to watch the season's first ice skating at Kissena Park. Less than half an hour later Morris Browne, motorman on a New York and Queens County trolley car, felt his car strike something, and thinking it a board or a rock that might derail the car, put on the emergency brakes, stopping within twenty feet. Beneath the wheels, wedged between the fender and the front trucks, were the bodies of Miss Kelly and Henry.

KILLED AFTER DANCE.

Elyria, Ohio, Jan. 1.—Two young women and a man were killed and another fatally injured early yesterday morning when the automobile in which they were returning from a New Year's dance was struck by a New York Central freight train at a grade crossing in this city.

The dead are: Mrs. Minnie Brightville, 26, and her sister, Miss Florence Scheide, 20, and Lindley Howard, 23, all of Elyria.

William Cook, 20, owner of the automobile suffered internal injuries. Physicians say he cannot recover.

The gates of the crossing were up at the time of the crash and the police are holding the crossing watchman pending an investigation.

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Recently the following signed statement was made by Mr. J. D. Boyd, of 1809 Hamlin street northeast, who for years has been the representative for the Aunt Jamima Mills Co. He says: "I had heard so much about the wonderful merits of Dreco in cases of stomach trouble gastritis, constipation, headaches, biliousness, loss of appetite and general run-down conditions, I decided to try it. You may think this is strange, but it's positively true, that the first dose helped me, for it seemed to soothe my stomach and relieve that bloated feeling. Now, I had suffered a good many years and spent lots of money trying to get relieved of this stomach trouble, so you can imagine how happy I was to know at last I had found just the medicine I needed. I have improved right along, day by day, and now I am as well as I ever was in my life. No more constipation, headaches or billiousness; my appetite is so good I can hardly get enough to eat, but the best of all is that no mater how much I eat I am not bothered afterward with the former pains, sourness or gas. I am glad to speak a good word for Dreco, for it's all right—there's no doubt about that."

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GREECE KEEN FOR PEACE

King Constantine Thanks Wilson for "Generous Initiative."

Athens, Jan 1.—King Constantine summoned Garrett Droppers, the American Minister, to the palace Saturday morning and communicated to him the text of the Greek reply to President Wilson's peace note.

In the reply, the King associates himself with the President in willingness to do all in his power to promote peace. The note recites the sufferings of Greece at the hands of the belliberents on both sides, while the nation has been endeavoring to maintain neutrality. It adds that Greece has endured greater hardships from the war than any other neutral and desires the consummation of peace.

The Greek Government will make a formal reply, which will associate Greece with the proposals of President Wilson.

A Cabinet meeting at which the King presided, discussed the situation in the country, is desperate.

An elaborate program has been arranged for the State Conference of Charities and Corrections, to be held in Staunton, on January 14, 15, and 16. Among those who will deliver addresses will be Mrs. Kate Waller Barrett, of Alexandria.

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NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the McLachlen Banking Corporation for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing years and the transaction of other business, will be held at No. 107 North Fairfax St., Alexandria, Va., January 9th, 1917, at 11 o'clock A. M.
A. M. McLACHLEN, President.
L. P. McLACHLEN, Secretary.
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NOTICE

Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the German Co-Operative Building Association No. 5. All series will be held Thursday January 11th, 1917 at 7:30 p. m., at their office 612 King street, Alexandria, Va.
JUSTUS SCHNEIDER, Sec.
303-td.

ANNUAL MEETINGS

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the members of the Independent Mutual Fire Insurance Company of Fairfax county, Va., will be held at the Company's office, Royal and Prince Streets, in Alexandria, Va., Monday, January 8, 1917, at ten o'clock A. M.
WALTER ROBERTS, President.
295-td

NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING

The Citizens National Bank
Alexandria, Va.
December 9th 1916.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank, will be held at the Banking House, on Tuesday, January the 9th, 1917., between the hours of 12 o'clock noon and 1 p. m., for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly be brought before the meeting.
RICHARD M. GREEN, Cashier.
288-4w.

ALEXANDRIA NATIONAL BANK

ALEXANDRIA, VA., December 9, 1916—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this bank will be held at its banking house on Tuesday, the 9th day of January 1917, at 12 o'clock noon, for the election of directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before said meeting.
J. L. PERRY, Cashier,
288-td.

NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Iowa Apartment House Company for the election of a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business, will be held at No. 107 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Va., January 9th 1917 at 10 o'clock A. M.
CHARLES D. WALCOTT, Pres.
A. M. McLACHLEN, Secretary.
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NOTICE ANNUAL MEETING

First National Bank,
Alexandria, Virginia,
December 9th, 1916.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of this Bank will be held at the banking house on Tuesday, January 9th, 1917, at eleven o'clock, a. m., for the election of Directors for the ensuing year, and for the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting.
GEORGE E. WARFIELD,
Cashier.
289-td.

NOTICE

TAKE NOTICE—That the undersigned will, on the 16th day of January, 1917, or as soon thereafter as his application may be heard, make application to the Corporation Court of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, for license to order, purchase or receive pure grain, ethyl or pure fruit alcohol, for the use of the laboratory of the Alexandria Fertilizer and Chemical Company in the City of Alexandria, Virginia, not to be used contrary to the provisions of chapter 146 of the Acts of Assembly of Virginia of 1916.
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NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ontario Apartment House Company for the election of a board of Directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of other business, will be held at No. 107 North Fairfax St., Alexandria, Va., January 9th, 1917, at 10:30 o'clock A. M.
CHARLES D. WALCOTT, Pres.
A. H. McLACHLEN, Secretary.
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NOTICE

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the West Brothers Brick Company will be held at the principal office of the company, No. 111 South Fairfax street, Alexandria, Va., on Tuesday, January 9, 1917 at twelve o'clock, noon.
WILLIAM D. WEST, Sec.
Dec. 28. Jan. 2

NOTICE

Munsey Building,
Washington, D. C.
December 28, 1916.
To the Stockholders of the National Manganese Corporation:
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the National Manganese Corporation will be held on Tuesday, January 9, 1917, at 11:15 o'clock, a. m., at the office of the Corporation at 107 N. Fairfax Street, Alexandria, Va., at which time such business as may come before the meeting will be considered, and directors for the ensuing year elected.
303-td Miss L. M. LARKIN, Sec.

NOTICE

Nobles who wish me to write for 1917 cards can leave their names and addresses, at Noble E. Warfield's, corner King and Pitt streets. E. E. DOWNHAM. 302-6t